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(57) Abstract <p>A saline soluble fiber is disclosed that is highly refractory. A vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of 3.5 % or less when exposed to 1260 °C for 24 hours. The fibre may comprise CaO, SiO₂, MgO, optionally ZrO₂, optionally less than 0.75 mol % Al₂O₃, any incidental impurities amounting to less than 2 mol % in total, and in which the SiO₂ excess (defined as the amount of SiO₂ calculated as remaining after the above named constituents are crystallised as silicates) exceeds 21.8 mol %, with the proviso that, if the amount of CaO is greater than the sum of the amount of MgO and twice the amount of ZrO₂ the calculated ratio of diopside to wollastonite does not lie in the range 1.8 to 5.25. Such fibres are usable at elevated temperatures where refractoriness is of importance and their solubility in saline solution may make the fibres safer than non-soluble fibres.</p>			

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SALINE SOLUBLE INORGANIC FIBRES

This invention relates to saline soluble, non-metallic, amorphous, inorganic oxide, refractory fibrous materials. The invention particularly relates to glassy fibres having silica as their principal constituent.

Inorganic fibrous materials are well known and widely used for many purposes (e.g. as thermal or acoustic insulation in bulk, mat. or blanket form, as vacuum formed shapes, as vacuum formed boards and papers, and as ropes, yarns or textiles; as a reinforcing fibre for building materials; as a constituent of brake blocks for vehicles). In most of these applications the properties for which inorganic fibrous materials are used require resistance to heat, and often resistance to aggressive chemical environments.

Inorganic fibrous materials can be either glassy or crystalline. Asbestos is an inorganic fibrous material one form of which has been strongly implicated in respiratory disease.

It is still not clear what the causative mechanism is that relates some asbestos with disease but some researchers believe that the mechanism is mechanical and size related. Asbestos of a critical size can pierce cells in the body and so, through long and repeated cell injury, have a bad effect on health. Whether this mechanism is true or not regulatory agencies have indicated a desire to categorise any inorganic fibre product that has a respiratory fraction as hazardous, regardless of whether there is any evidence to support such categorisation. Unfortunately for many of the applications for which inorganic fibres are used, there are no realistic substitutes.

Accordingly there is a demand for inorganic fibres that will pose as little risk as possible (if any) and for which there are objective grounds to believe them safe.

A line of study has proposed that if inorganic fibres were made that were sufficiently soluble in physiological fluids that their residence time in the human body was short, then damage would not occur or at least be minimised. As the risk of asbestos linked disease appears to depend very much on the length of exposure this idea appears reasonable. Asbestos is extremely insoluble.

As intercellular fluid is saline in nature the importance of fibre solubility in saline solution, has long been recognised. If fibres are soluble in physiological saline solution then, provided the dissolved components are not toxic, the fibres

should be safer than fibres which are not so soluble. The shorter the time a fibre is resident in the body the less damage it can do. H. Förster in 'The behaviour of mineral fibres in physiological solutions' (*Proceedings of 1982 WHO IARC Conference*, Copenhagen, Volume 2, pages 27-55(1988)) discussed the behaviour of commercially produced mineral fibres in physiological saline solutions. Fibres of widely varying solubility were discussed.

International Patent Application No. WO87/05007 disclosed that fibres comprising magnesia, silica, calcia and less than 10 wt% alumina are soluble in saline solution. The solubilities of the fibres disclosed were in terms of parts per million of silicon (extracted from the silica containing material of the fibre) present in a saline solution after 5 hours of exposure. The highest value revealed in the examples had a silicon level of 67 ppm. In contrast, and adjusted to the same regime of measurement, the highest level disclosed in the Förster paper was equivalent to approximately 1 ppm. Conversely if the highest value revealed in the International Patent Application was converted to the same measurement regime as the Förster paper it would have an extraction rate of 901,500 mg Si/kg fibre - i.e. some 69 times higher than any of the fibres Förster tested, and the fibres that had the highest extraction rate in the Förster test were glass fibres which had high alkali contents and so would have a low melting point. This is convincingly better performance even taking into account factors such as differences in test solutions and duration of experiment.

International Patent Application No. WO89/12032 disclosed additional fibres soluble in saline solution and discusses some of the constituents that may be present in such fibres. Among such constituents are ZrO_2 and this document claims (among other things) processes using fibres of composition (in weight %):- ZrO_2 0.06-10%; SiO_2 35-70%; MgO 0-50%; CaO 0-64.5%. However the patent actually discloses a much more limited range of zirconia containing materials and these are listed in Table 1 below ranked on silica content. None of the disclosed zirconia containing compositions were tested for shrinkage and hence usefulness in high temperature applications: all that these fibres were tested for was ability to withstand a fire test and Table 1 indicates that the results of this test were not very predictable: there does appear to be a trend with silica content but no trend is discernible with zirconia content.

European Patent Application No. 0399320 disclosed glass fibres having a high physiological solubility.

Further patent specifications disclosing selection of fibres for their saline solubility are European 0412878 and 0459897. French 2662687 and 2662688. PCT WO86/04807 and WO90/02713.

Table 1

Test	SiO ₂ wt%	CaO wt%	MgO wt%	Al ₂ O ₃ wt%	ZrO ₂ wt%	Fire test Pass/ Fail	SiO ₂ mol%	CaO mol%	MgO mol%	Al ₂ O ₃ mol%	ZrO ₂ mol%
174	63.5	35.55	0.33	0.88	0.21	P	61.83	37.08	0.48	0.5	0.1
178	60	38.3	0.48	0.36	0.54	-	58.7	40.14	0.7	0.21	0.26
177	59.7	38.7	0.46	0.34	0.50	-	58.36	40.53	0.67	0.20	0.24
176	59.5	39.1	0.42	0.31	0.42	-	58.1	40.91	0.61	0.18	0.2
182a	59.4	34.9	2.06	0.38	2.31	P	58.69	36.94	3.03	0.22	1.11
181	59.2	36.6	1.13	0.32	0.83	P	58.8	38.94	1.67	0.19	0.4
179	59.2	37	0.98	0.35	0.58	P	58.74	39.33	1.45	0.2	0.28
175	59.2	39.1	0.41	0.33	0.4	P	57.99	41.03	0.6	0.19	0.19
183	59.05	34.84	3.08	0.3	2.65	P	57.65	36.44	4.48	0.17	1.26
186	59.05	36.94	2.57	0.38	3.27	P	56.63	37.95	3.67	0.21	1.53
191	58.6	33.5	2.72	0.58	3.67	P	58.21	35.65	4.03	0.34	1.78
192	58.4	33.2	2.59	0.65	3.69	P	58.39	35.56	3.86	0.38	1.8
189	58.19	35.39	3.26	0.39	3.36	-	56.59	36.87	4.73	0.22	1.59
184	57.96	35.17	3.55	0.42	3.11	F	56.44	36.69	5.15	0.24	1.48
190	57.86	35.66	3.22	0.36	3.37	F	56.33	37.19	4.67	0.21	1.6
185	57.8	34.4	3.74	0.56	3.12	F	56.62	36.1	5.46	0.32	1.49
188	57.7	36	3	0.2	3.3	P	56.31	37.64	4.36	0.12	1.57
187	56.88	36.45	4	0.32	3.3	-	54.86	37.66	5.75	0.18	1.55
193	56.65	31.9	3.35	3.35	4.5	F	56.66	34.18	4.99	1.97	2.19
180	54.3	32.75	10.2	1.29	0.58	F	51.41	33.22	14.39	0.72	0.27
182	46.85	29.2	20.6	2.03	0.84	F	42.42	28.33	27.8	1.08	0.37

The refractoriness of the fibres disclosed in these various prior art documents varies considerably. The maximum service temperature of any of the above mentioned fibres (when used as refractory insulation) is up to 815°C (1500°F).

Among saline soluble commercial fibres usable at temperatures higher than 815°C are SUPERWOOL™ a fibre manufactured by The Morgan Crucible Company plc and which has a maximum use temperature of 1050°C and a composition of SiO₂ 65wt%: CaO 29wt%: MgO 5wt%: Al₂O₃ 1wt%. A similar fibre is INSULFRAX™ a fibre made by Carborundum Company which has a continuous use limit of 1000°C (1832°F) and which melts at 1260°C (2300°F). This has a composition of SiO₂ 65wt%: CaO 31.1wt%: MgO 3.2wt%: Al₂O₃ 0.3wt% and Fe₂O₃ 0.3wt%.

Use of ZrO₂ as a constituent in aluminosilicate fibres to provide high temperature resistance is known (see European 0144349). However it is by no means apparent that this effect is transferable to saline soluble fibres and the disclosure of International Patent Application No. WO89/12032 discussed above would tend to suggest that it is not.

The applicant's earlier International Patent Application WO93/15028 (from which this application claims priority) disclosed saline soluble fibres usable at temperatures in excess of 1000°C but gave no indication that fibres could be used at still higher temperatures. The applicants have found that some of the fibres disclosed in WO93/15028 (e.g. fibre A2-13 from Table 9 of WO93/15028) are in fact usable at temperatures of up to 1260°C and even higher. In general the applicants have found that fibres of specified compositions (including zirconia containing fibres) are usable at temperatures up to and beyond 1260°C. The applicants have realised that failure of fibres at high temperature occurs primarily upon devitrification of the fibre: if on devitrification insufficient silica is left the fibres will fail through having a shrinkage of greater than 3.5%. Accordingly the applicants have looked to what materials are formed on devitrification.

In the following where reference is made to a saline soluble fibre this is to be taken as meaning a fibre having a total solubility of greater than 10ppm in saline solution as measured by the method described below, and preferably having much higher solubility.

Figure 1 shows a three axis composition diagram for the constituents CaO, MgO, and ZrO₂; this diagram omits all other constituents so that the sum of CaO, MgO, and ZrO₂ at all points is 100%. Silica is in excess at all points as described below.

For fibres where $\text{CaO} > \text{MgO} + 2\text{ZrO}_2$ all of the MgO is bound as CaO.MgO.2SiO₂; all of the ZrO₂ is bound as 2CaO.ZrO₂.4SiO₂; and any excess

CaO is bound as CaSiO_3 . These fibres lie in region 1 of Figure 1 and in the following are referred to as excess CaO fibres.

For fibres where $\text{MgO} > \text{CaO}$ all of the CaO is bound as CaO.MgO.2SiO_2 ; all of the ZrO_2 is bound as $\text{ZrO}_2.\text{SiO}_2$; and the excess MgO is bound as MgO.SiO_2 . These fibres lie in region 2 of Figure 1 and in the following are referred to as excess MgO fibres.

For the fibres in region 3 of Figure 1 where $\text{CaO} > \text{MgO}$ and $\text{CaO} < \text{MgO} + 2\text{ZrO}_2$, all of the MgO is bound as CaO.MgO.2SiO_2 ; the rest of the CaO is bound as $2\text{CaO.ZrO}_2.4\text{SiO}_2$; and the excess ZrO_2 is bound as $\text{ZrO}_2.\text{SiO}_2$. These fibres are referred to in the following as excess ZrO_2 fibres.

The applicants have defined a term " SiO_2 excess" which indicates the amount of silica left once the above mentioned constituents (CaO , MgO , and ZrO_2) have crystallised. The value of SiO_2 excess is calculated by subtracting from the total quantity of silica present that amount that should crystallise as silicates with the other constituents CaO , MgO , and ZrO_2 assuming all of the CaO , MgO , and ZrO_2 crystallise as the materials mentioned above. In most of the compositions studied alumina is present to some extent and so the applicants also assume that alumina crystallises as $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3.\text{SiO}_2$ and to calculate SiO_2 excess this quantity is subtracted also. Only the above named constituents are used in calculating the SiO_2 excess as other chemical constituents are present in only small amounts. For other chemical constituents similar considerations apply. It has been found by the applicants that when the SiO_2 excess is greater than 21.8mol% the fibres tend to have a resistance to temperature of up to 1260°C

The applicants have found that for the excess CaO compositions the situation is complicated by a eutectic formed between the two crystalline materials diopside (CaO.MgO.2SiO_2) and wollastonite (CaSiO_3) that has a damaging effect on high temperature resistance. Thus the present invention excludes those excess CaO compositions that have a calculated diopside to wollastonite ratio in the range 1.8 to 5.25.

The physical basis for the importance of SiO_2 excess may be that it indicates how much silica is left to maintain a glassy phase on crystallisation of the other constituents as silicate materials. Further, the silicate materials that form on devitrification may become liquid or flow at 1260°C so causing shrinkage.

The quantity of potentially fluxing constituents such as alkali metals and other incidental impurities (e.g. iron oxides) should be kept low.

Accordingly the present invention provides a refractory fibre for which a vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of 3.5% or less when exposed to 1260°C for 24 hours and comprising CaO, SiO₂, MgO, optionally ZrO₂ and/or less than 0.75mol% Al₂O₃, any incidental impurities amounting to less than 2mol% in total, and in which the SiO₂ excess (defined as the amount of SiO₂ calculated as remaining after the above named constituents are crystallised as silicates) exceeds 21.8mol%, with the proviso that, if the amount of CaO is greater than the sum of the amount of MgO and twice the amount of ZrO₂ the calculated ratio of diopside to wollastonite does not lie in the range 1.8 to 5.25.

The applicants have also found that for those fibres that have a satisfactory shrinkage at 1260°C the saline solubility of the fibres produced appears to increase with increasing amount of MgO present whereas ZrO₂ and Al₂O₃ are detrimental to solubility. The invention therefore also provides preferred saline soluble fibres of the composition specified above and in which the MgO excess [defined as MgO - (ZrO₂ + Al₂O₃)] is greater than 10mol%, such fibres tending to have a total solubility of MgO + SiO₂ + CaO of greater than 50ppm (see below for measurement details). More preferably the MgO excess is greater than 11.2mol% such fibres tending to have extremely high solubility of about 100ppm or more. Yet more advantageously, so far as solubility is concerned, the MgO excess is greater than 15.25mol%; all of the fibres measured having an MgO excess greater than 15.25mol% had solubilities in excess of 100ppm.

As a consequence of inventing these fibres the invention also provides a saline soluble fibre characterised in that a vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of 3.5% or less when exposed to 1260°C for 24 hours.

The applicants have investigated, for their saline solubility and refractoriness, a range of compositions based on CaO/MgO/SiO₂ fibres with additional constituents Al₂O₃, ZrO₂, and TiO₂. These fibres were formed by blowing the molten constituents from a melt stream in a conventional manner but the invention is not limited to blown fibres and also encompasses fibres formed by spinning or any other means.

Tables 2 & 3 show the results of these tests. Table 2 indicates for each the linear shrinkages at 800, 1000, 1200, and 1260°C (not all samples measured at every temperature); weight percent composition; mole percent composition (based on the constituents CaO, MgO, SiO₂, Al₂O₃, ZrO₂, and TiO₂); SiO₂ excess

(as defined above) and, for the CaO excess fibres, the calculated diopside to wollastonite ratio. Table 3 indicates for each the weight percent composition: mole percent composition (based on the constituents CaO, MgO, SiO₂, Al₂O₃, ZrO₂, and TiO₂); solubilities of various constituents; and MgO excess (as defined above). Each sample that has a satisfactory shrinkage of 3.5% or less at 1260°C is indicated by a composition shown in bold. Those compositions that fail to meet the shrinkage criterion are indicated in italics. Other compositions are shown falling within the described ranges but for which the high temperature shrinkage was not measured; these compositions are indicated in plain text. Those compositions where a fibre could not be made or where the fibre was of too poor a quality for the solubility to be measured are indicated with X's.

A pattern emerges which is described below with reference to Table 2.

The fibres above and including line A all have a SiO₂ excess of less than 21.8mol% and all (where measured) fail the shrinkage criterion that a vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of less than 3.5% when exposed to 1260°C for 24 hours.

The fibres above and including line B and below line A all have a TiO₂ content of greater than 1.25mol% and all fail the shrinkage criterion.

The fibres above and including line C and below line B all have a Al₂O₃ content of greater than 0.75mol% and all fail the shrinkage criterion.

The fibres below line C are grouped according to their relative amounts of CaO, MgO, and ZrO₂ (i.e. as to their positions in Figure 1)

The fibres above and including line D and below line C are the excess MgO fibres (region 2 of Figure 1) and are sorted on SiO₂ excess.

The fibres above and including line E and below line D are the excess ZrO₂ fibres (region 3 of Figure 1) and are sorted on SiO₂ excess.

The fibres below line E are the excess CaO fibres and are sorted on the diopside to wollastonite ratio.

The fibres above and including line F and below line E are excess CaO fibre for which the diopside to wollastonite ratio is greater than 5.25.

The fibres above and including line G and below line F are excess CaO fibre for which the diopside to wollastonite ratio is less than 5.25 but greater than 1.8.

The fibres below line G are excess CaO fibre for which the diopside to wollastonite ratio is less than 1.8.

Looking first to the excess MgO fibres most pass the shrinkage criterion at 1260°C (where tested). B7D, BZ-440C, B7C, and BZ-4150C all contain relatively high levels of Fe_2O_3 (1.1wt% for B7D and 0.6wt% for the others).

D3 and D8 contain relatively high levels (0.71mol% and 0.74 mol%) of TiO_2 and it may be that this, in combination with other impurities, has led to failure. It should be noted that D9 has 0.65mol% TiO_2 and has a satisfactory shrinkage.

BZ-440A, B7A, BZ-4150A, and BZ-560B have varying amounts of Na_2O present (0.3-1.0wt%) and this may contribute to their failure.

BZ-4150B has a Al_2O_3 content of 0.64mol% and fails the shrinkage criterion. This should be contrasted with BZ-4150 which has a similar composition but with only 0.06mol% Al_2O_3 and which passes the shrinkage criterion. In further contrast BZ-560E has an alumina content of 0.62mol% and passes the shrinkage criterion: this composition has a much higher ZrO_2 content than BZ-4150B and the applicant believe that the presence of ZrO_2 allows the fibres to tolerate much higher levels of impurities than would otherwise be the case.

D3 only just fails with a shrinkage of 3.8% and B19 only has a shrinkage of 3.6% at 1260°C and both may in fact be errors in measurement.

Looking next to the excess ZrO_2 fibres all apart from BZ-407, BZ-429 and BZ-430 pass the shrinkage criteria at 1260°C (where tested). These results may indicate that the incidental impurities (shown as "Others" in Table 2) are having an effect as BZ-429 and BZ-430 show high levels of impurities (1.1 and 0.9 wt% respectively) that on analysis included 0.4 and 0.3 wt% respectively of Na_2O . BZ-430 only just failed the shrinkage criterion (3.7% shrinkage) and this may be due to error in measurement.

Turning now to the excess CaO fibres the pattern is clear but not exact. Fibres that have a diopside to wollastonite ratio of between 5.25 and 1.8 fail the

shrinkage criterion. Those with a diopside to wollastonite ratio outside this range tend to pass. The fit is not exact and the fibres that fail to meet the shrinkage criterion are the following.

Among the excess CaO fibres with a diopside to wollastonite ratio in excess of 5.25 those that fail the shrinkage criterion include BZ-418, and BZ-29 which have low enough shrinkages that they may be the result of experimental error and these fibres may in fact have a satisfactory shrinkage.

BZ-421, B13, BZ-422, BZ-417, and BZ-416 also fail and although initial indicators were that this had something to do with the level of CaO this now appears to be incorrect. The failure to meet the shrinkage criterion may be due to the presence of fluxing constituents or otherwise. A possible reason for failure of BZ-29 and BZ-421 may be their high Al_2O_3 content (0.55 and 0.51 mol% respectively) acting alone or in combination with impurities.

For the excess CaO fibres having a diopside to wollastonite ratio of less than 1.8 the only fibre proven to fail was fibre E24 which although passing a 1260°C test failed a 1200°C test. This result may have been due to experimental error, fluxing components, or otherwise.

Table 3 shows the solubilities of the fibres shown in Table 2 but ranked on MgO excess. Although by no means exact it can be seen that there is a trend in total solubility that closely follows MgO excess.

In any event the trend appears to be that excess CaO fibres perform poorly (perhaps due to the formation of $CaSiO_3$ which is not formed in excess MgO or excess ZrO_2 fibres) whereas excess MgO and excess ZrO_2 fibres perform better. Taken to the extreme this would indicate that a high MgO, low CaO, low ZrO_2 , low Al_2O_3 fibre would have very high solubility and low shrinkage. However the applicant's experience is that such fibres are difficult to form (see Compositions A2-33, A2-32, A2-28). Equally fibres that are too high in SiO_2 are difficult or impossible to form. The exact boundaries are difficult to ascertain and this invention only encompasses fibres that meet the above stated shrinkage requirements.

The applicants have tested some fibres to higher temperatures.

Fibres BZ-400, BZ-440, BZ-48, and BZ-54 were tested to 1350°C and all failed having shrinkages in excess of 20%.

Fibres BZ-400, BZ-36, BZ-46, and BZ-61 were tested to 1300°C and had shrinkages, respectively, of 6.2%, 17.9%, 19.6%, and 3.1%. BZ-61 is in the excess MgO region and the applicants surmise (since $2\text{CaO} \cdot \text{ZrO}_2 \cdot 4\text{SiO}_2$ is not formed in this region) that it is this constituent that causes failure at 1300°C.

The fact that fibre shrinkage is so dependent on temperature (the fibres failing over such short temperature ranges as 1260°C to 1300°C and 1300°C to 1350°C) is a clue as to how experimental errors may arise. In a typical experimental furnace running at a nominal 1260°C temperatures can easily range from 1250°C to 1270°C both physically (from front to back or centre to wall of furnace) and in time (as the furnace controller supplies or stops current to the furnace). A 20°C temperature difference could easily move a sample from a temperature at which it passes to one at which it fails the 3.5% shrinkage criterion. As mentioned above this may explain the shrinkages of just over 3.5% found for compositions B19, D3, BZ-430, BZ-418 and BZ-29.

During the shrinkage tests some of the sample preforms used were also inspected to ascertain whether they reacted adversely with the ceramic boards (alumina or mullite boards) on which they rested during the test. It was found that the excess CaO fibres with a diopside to wollastonite ratio of less than 1.8 reacted particularly badly with mullite boards and further that due to acicular crystal growth the fibres tended to lose strength.

The following describes in detail the methods used to measure shrinkage and solubility.

Shrinkage was measured by proposed ISO standard ISO/TC33/SC2/N220 (equivalent to British Standard BS 1920, part 6, 1986) with some modifications to account for small sample size. The method in summary comprises the manufacture of vacuum cast preforms, using 75g of fibre in 500cm³ of 0.2% starch solution, into a 120 x 65mm tool. Platinum pins (approximately 0.1-0.3mm diameter) were placed 100 x 45mm apart in the 4 corners. The longest lengths (L1 & L2) and the diagonals (L3 & L4) were measured to an accuracy of $\pm 5\mu\text{m}$ using a travelling microscope. The samples were placed in a furnace and ramped to a temperature 50°C below the test temperature at 400°C/hour and ramped at 120°C/hour for the last 50°C to test temperature and left for 24 hours. The shrinkage values are given as an average of the 4 measurements.

It should be noted that although this is a standard way of measuring shrinkage of fibre it has an inherent variability in that the finished density of the

preform may vary depending on casting conditions. Further it should be noted that fibre blanket will usually have a higher shrinkage than a preform made of the same fibre. Accordingly the 3.5% figure mentioned in this specification is likely to translate as a higher shrinkage in finished blanket.

The applicants have looked to the various incidental impurities that can occur in inorganic oxide refractory fibres (e.g. alkali oxides and iron oxide) and have found that the impurity levels that can be tolerated vary according to the proportions of the main constituents of the fibre. Fibres containing high levels of ZrO_2 for example can tolerate higher levels of Na_2O or Fe_2O_3 than fibres with low levels of ZrO_2 . Accordingly the applicants propose a maximum level of incidental impurities of 2mol%. the maximum level that will be tolerable will however vary as mentioned above.

Solubility was measured by the following method.

The fibre was first chopped - 2.5 g of fibre (deshotted by hand) was liquidised with 250 cm³ of distilled water in a domestic Moulinex (Trade Mark) food blender for 20 seconds. The suspension was then transferred to a 500 cm³ plastic beaker and allowed to settle after which as much liquid as possible was decanted and the remaining liquid removed by drying in an oven at 110°C.

The solubility test apparatus comprised a shaking incubator water bath, and the test solution had the following composition:-

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grams</u>
NaCl	Sodium chloride	6.780
NH ₄ Cl	Ammonium chloride	0.540
NaHCO ₃	Sodium bicarbonate	2.270
Na ₂ HPO ₄ ·H ₂ O	Disodium hydrogen phosphate	0.170
Na ₃ C ₆ H ₅ O ₇ ·2H ₂ O	Sodium citrate dihydrate	0.060
H ₂ NCH ₂ CO ₂ H	Glycine	0.450
H ₂ SO ₄ s.g. 1.84	Sulphuric acid	0.050

The above materials were diluted to 1 litre with distilled water to form a physiological-like saline solution.

0.500 grams \pm 0.0003 grams of chopped fibre was weighed into a plastic centrifuge tube and 25 cm³ of the above saline solution added. The fibre and saline solution was shaken well and inserted into the shaking incubator water bath maintained at body temperature (37°C \pm 1°C). The shaker speed was set at 20 cycles/minute.

After the desired period (usually 5 hours or 24 hours) the centrifuge tube was removed and centrifuged at 4500 revs/minute for approximately 5 minutes. Supernatant liquid was then drawn off using a syringe and hypodermic needle. The needle was then removed from the syringe, air expelled from the syringe, and the liquid passed through a filter (0.45 micron cellulose nitrate membrane filter paper [WCN type from Whatman Labsales Limited]) into a clean plastic bottle. The liquid was then analysed by atomic absorption using a Thermo Jarrell Ash Smith - Hieffe II machine.

The operating conditions were as follows using a nitrous oxide and acetylene flame:-

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>WAVELENGTH</u> <u>(nm)</u>	<u>BAND</u> <u>WIDTH</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>(mA)</u>	<u>FLAME</u>
Al	309.3	1.0	8	Fuel Rich
SiO ₂	251.6	0.3	12	Fuel Rich
CaO	422.7	1.0	7	Fuel Lean
MgO	285.2	1.0	3	Fuel Lean

The procedure and standards adopted for determining the above elements were as set out below.

SiO₂ can be determined without dilution up to 250 ppm concentration (1 ppm 1mg/Litre). Above this concentration an appropriate dilution was made volumetrically. A 0.1% KCl solution (0.1g in 100 cm³) was added to the final dilution to prevent ionic interference. NB If glass apparatus is used, prompt analysis is necessary.

From a stock solution of 1000 ppm pure ignited silica (99.999%) (fused with Na₂CO₃ at 1200°C for 20 minutes in a platinum crucible (0.2500g SiO₂/2g Na₂CO₃) and dissolved in dilute hydrochloric acid (4 molar) made up to 250cm³ with distilled water in a plastic volumetric flask) the following standards were produced:-

<u>STANDARD</u> (ppm SiO_2)	<u>STOCK SOLUTION</u> (cm^3)
10.0	1.0
20.0	2.0
30.0	3.0
50.0	5.0
100.0	10.0
250.0	25.0

Add 0.1% KCl to each standard before making to 100cm^3 .

Aluminium may be measured directly from the sample without dilution. Standards of 1.0, 5.0 and 10.0 ppm Al may be used. For calibration readings are multiplied by 1.8895 to convert from Al to Al_2O_3 .

A standard Al atomic absorption solution (e.g. BDH 1000 ppm Al) was bought and diluted using an accurate pipette to the desired concentration. 0.1% KCl was added to prevent ionic interference.

Calcium may require dilutions on the sample before determination can be carried out (i.e. x 10 and x 20 dilutions). Dilutions must contain 0.1% KCl.

A standard Ca atomic absorption solution (e.g. BDH 1000 ppm Ca) was diluted with distilled water and an accurate pipette to give standards of 0.5, 4.0 and 10.0 ppm. 0.1% KCl is added to prevent ionic interference. To convert readings obtained from Ca to CaO a factor of 1.4 was used.

Magnesium may require dilutions on the sample before determinations can be made (i.e. x 10 and x 20). Add 0.1% KCl to each dilution. To convert Mg to MgO multiply by 1.658.

A standard Mg atomic absorption solution (e.g. BDH 1000 ppm Mg) was diluted with distilled water and an accurate pipette to give standards of 0.5, 1.0 and 10.0 ppm Mg. 0.1% KCl was added to prevent ionic interference.

All stock solutions were stored in plastic bottles.

The above has discussed resistance to shrinkage of preforms exposed to 1260°C for 24 hours. This is an indication of the maximum use temperature of a fibre. In practice fibres are quoted for a maximum continuous use temperature and a higher maximum exposure temperature. It is usual in industry when

selecting a fibre for use at a given temperature to choose a fibre having a higher continuous use temperature than that nominally required for the intended use. This is so that any accidental increase in temperature does not damage the fibres. It is quite usual for a margin of 100 to 150°C to be given. Accordingly this invention extends to use of the claimed fibres at elevated temperatures (i.e. at temperatures where the refractoriness of fibres is important) and not just to use at 1260°C.

In selecting a fibre a balance has to be struck between refractoriness of the fibre and saline solubility of the fibre. For example the applicants have found the best high solubility fibre (total solubility greater than 100ppm) is probably composition B7 as that has a shrinkage of 2.7% at 1260°C. In contrast the best refractory fibre is probably BZ-560 which has a shrinkage of only 2.1% at 1260°C but has a total solubility of only 27ppm.. Although there are other fibres with a lower shrinkage this fibre also has the property of retaining in large part its resilience on firing to 1260°C - many of the fibres become rigid after firing due to crystallisation and sintering. It appears that high levels of ZrO_2 help to overcome this (BZ-560 has 7.64mol% ZrO_2) but at the same time reduce solubility.

It will be evident from the above that incidental impurity levels are preferably kept as low as possible. The applicants surmise that as the various crystalline materials crystallise from the fibres impurities migrate to the grain boundaries and concentrate there. Thus a small impurity can have a very large effect.

Table 2 ... (sheet 1)

Comp.	Shrinkage			Composition wt%							SiO ₂	Others	Composition mol%					SiO ₂	SiO ₂ Excess	Diopside/Wollastonite Ratio	Comments
	800°C	1000°C	1200°C	1260°C	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TR-2	SiO ₂			CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃					
CIS-10	0.6	10.7		10.3	50.8			27.6	23.6	58.82	14.74	4.87	15.67		23.57	-18.98					
BZ-11	36.6			33.7	27.1	9.9		10	51.2	29.00			0.24		51.15	-2.57					
CIS-4	0.3	31.3			19.7	0.4		36.6	42.5	24.58			0.11	25.12	49.50	-1.12					
BZ-13	14.1				32	5.1		10	30.9	33.00	7.76	4.98	0.30		31.96	-1.05					
71		51.7			21.04	19.66		0.2	54.68	23.41	26.67		0.11		49.77	-0.45					
76.5		34.2			3.9	35.07		2.12	57.78	3.62	45.26		1.08		50.04	0.07					
BZ-21	20.9				22.2	9.9		15	51.2	24.46	15.18	7.52	0.18		52.66	0.68					
BZ-23	6.4	40.2		49.1	26.5	5		0.5	51.4	29.95	7.86	7.66	0.31		54.22	0.77					
73.4		39.3			26.63	17.05		0.05	56.38	25.66	22.87	0.02	0.53		50.92	1.81					
973		31.9			24.45	16.81		0.05	56.18	24.31	23.25	0.02	0.27		52.14	-4.26					
971		41.7			23.92	17.56		0.74	56.52	23.56	23.79	0.02	0.40		52.23	-4.47					
BZ-27	2.6	10.1		19	23.8	5.1		0.4	53.9	27.00	5.05	7.64	0.25		57.07	6.49					
BZ-10	27.8			44.7	27.1	10		5	36	25.29	14.53	2.58	0.23		54.58	6.77					
708	8.7	1.1			42.70	0.77		0.4	55.22	41.85	1.12				51.03	8.05					
42-19		4.7			18.48	19.71		0.54	58.71	15.29	27.18		0.29		54.24	8.47					
42-18		36.2			26.29	13.01		0.66	56.96	26.81	18.48		0.37		54.30	8.59					
BZ-28	5.9	0.3			19.4	9.9		15.1	54.5	21.30	15.12	7.55	0.18		55.83	8.62					
B3-3	34.7			43.9	31.8	5		1.46	55.99	37.77	6.47	0.70	0.33		54.73	8.76					
BZ-9	31.5				36.07	4.44		0.6	56	33.95	7.43	2.48	0.35		55.80	9.12					
B3-26	26.6	3.5			30.5	9.44		0.62	56.98	31.39	13.52		0.35		54.74	9.48					
BZ-21	3.1	11.9		16.6	22.3	5		15.2	56.4	25.06	7.82	7.77	0.19		59.16	10.55					
42-23	10.7	18.9		14.8	18.59	18.75		0.45	60.2	15.37	25.82	0.02	0.26		55.53	11.06					
BZ-12	7.4				21.3	9.7		10.2	57.8	22.77	14.42	4.96	0.18		57.67	11.17					
42-24	12.3	3.3			13.62	22.71		0.31	61.38	13.25	30.79	0.04	0.17		55.76	11.51					
932		12.8			21.6	15.65		1.5	59.85	21.53	21.75	0.05	0.52		55.80	11.60					
714	1.2	0.7			32	8.27		0.1	59.05	32.45	11.67				55.89	11.78					
BZ-11	6.6	17.2		22	26.2	5		10.2	57.4	29.60	7.59	5.07	0.27		58.49	11.92					
660		24.7			34.65	4.83		1.15	57.74	36.13	7.01		0.66		56.20	12.40					
712	3.4	4.4			35.59	4.61		0.06	57.54	37.04	6.71		0.03		56.21	12.43					
B3-20		30.9			32.7	6.07		0.91	57.57	34.23	8.55		0.52		56.34	12.68					
42-25	6.1	6.1		11.6	10.99	24.15		0.33	62.36	10.66	32.64	0.03	0.18		56.45	12.97					
BZ-25	2.2	3.9			20.7	5.2		15.5	57.3	33.35	8.16	7.96	0.19		60.34	13.09					
694	1.9	1.6			33.1	6.02		0.17	58.39	31.41	8.71	0.08	0.15		56.65	13.23					
A2-11	1.1	1.8			24.28	13.24		0.08	60.32	21.48	18.57	0.04	0.14		56.77	13.51					
B3-21	30.3	30.3			36.62	2.45		0.08	57.38	35.96	3.60	0.01	0.43		56.98	13.92					
692	2.1	2.1			34.34	5.44		0.17	59.82	35.08	7.73	0.08	0.07		57.04	14.00					
B8	2.8	2.9		6.9	18.8	17.9		0.3	63	18.30	24.24	0.13	0.11		57.23	14.46					
BZ-22	7.6	20.7		21.3	17.1	9.8		15.2	56.7	19.83	15.02	7.62	0.24		58.29	14.67					
E21	1.4	3.4			39.1	0.7		0.6	58.2	41.28	1.03		0.35		57.55	14.70					
B3-25	2.3	2.3			28.15	9.22		0.48	59.53	29.08	13.25		0.27		57.40	14.80					

Table 2.. (sheet 2)

Table 2 ... (sheet 3)

Comp	Shrinkage		Composition wt%				SiO ₂	Others	Composition mol%				SiO ₂	SiO ₂ Excess	Diopside/Wollastonite Ratio	Comments
	800°C	1000°C	1200°C	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	ThO ₂	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	ThO ₂			
BZ-405	1.6	3.9		11	20.1	9.9	5.4	0.3	21.05	14.42	2.57	0.17	61.78	20.99		
B3-3.1	15.3	43.3		31.64	0.67	0.41	5.91		34.55	1.02	0.20	3.55	60.68	21.16		
BZ-55	1.3	8.4		14.6	9.5	15.5	0.2		16.14	15.07	7.80	0.12	60.87	21.21		
BZ-43	1.4	4.9		19	9.7	7.1	0.3		20.06	14.25	3.41	0.17	62.10	21.29		
B3-11	0.5	0.9		33.25	2.33	0.59	0.69		35.10	3.42	0.28	0.40	60.80	21.31		
BZ-45	0.5	2.7		5	19.3	4.8	13.1	0.4	21.59	7.47	6.67	0.25	64.02	21.37		
BZ-6	2.2	3.9		4.7	17.2	9.5	10.3	0.2	15.43	14.61	5.02	0.12	61.82	21.72		A
BZ-3	0.6	0.8		27.2	22.3	4.9	0.3		23.74	7.26	0.15	0.23	63.69	32.17		
BZ-2	0.4	0.9		24.9	23.7	4.9	0.1		23.02	7.20	0.05	0.23	63.95	31.41		
BZ-1.2	0.5	0.5		19.6	19.2	4.9	6.7		20.92	7.43	3.32	0.15	65.40	30.22		
BZ-1	0.6	1.1		20	26.2	4.9	0.1		27.50	7.16	0.05	0.23	63.00	28.02		
D12	0.5	0.3		4.8	13.7	10.4	5.3		11.33	15.13	2.52	0.06	65.95	33.95		
D11	0.6	0.9		8.6	14.4	11.1	5.3		11.97	16.06	2.31	0.06	64.44	30.85		
D10	1.1	1.3		4.6	13.7	11.7	4.9		16.26	16.86	2.31	0.06	62.55	27.06		
D5	0.6	0.5		5.2	14.3	11.7	5.4		14.92	16.87	2.55	0.06	64.23	29.95		
BZ-1.1	0.9	1.3		59.5	24.3	4.9	3.3		21.88	7.26	1.60	0.23	63.61	27.04		B
D4	0.9	1.6		7.2	16.4	12.2	5.4		17.11	17.71	2.56	0.11	61.17	23.67		
K10-1				4.9	2.9	0.1	0.1		3.82	0.18	0.06	32.28	63.63	27.24		
B3-6.1	15.8	21.6		24.83	4.50	0.15	5.7		26.37	6.83	0.07	3.35	63.17	26.26		
B3-2.1	3.3	7.5		32.3	0.45	0.12	4.15		35.08	0.73	0.06	2.48	61.66	23.26		
B3-5.1	4.5	7.4		35.41	4.65	0.55	3.97		27.07	6.94	0.28	2.33	63.39	26.49		
B3-4A	1	1.4		25.81	4.88	0.24	2.05		27.18	7.15	0.12	1.19	61.37	28.63		
BZ-440E				11.4	16.9	6.5	5.8		15.09	9.68	2.83	1.00	68.53	33.92		
BZ-560F				6	11.4	9.1	1.5		12.76	14.17	7.64	0.92	64.44	28.96		
BZ-6		3.9		17.2	11.9	3.4	1.4		17.71	17.05	1.59	0.79	62.86	25.38		
BZ-3		3.2		18.6	12.4	0.6	1.4		18.92	17.55	0.28	0.78	62.47	24.67		
B6	1.1	1.1		3.5	19.2	14.2	0.1		4.4	19.05	19.60	0.05	61.20	22.41		
D7	0.7	1.1		2.7	18.5	13.5	1.7		18.57	18.85	0.78	0.11	60.99	22.68		
B10	1.6	1.6		3.2	16.8	15.9	0.3		16.49	21.71	0.13	0.11	61.48	23.04		
A2-10	1.9	2.2		3	16.22	15.8	0.49		16.18	21.93		0.27	61.62	23.24		
BZ-59	1	2.8		2.9	12.4	10	17.5		13.83	15.52	8.88	0.12	61.64	23.28		
B7D				12.6	18.3	13.8	0.8		18.45	19.36	0.37	0.11	61.64	23.30		
A2-5	1	1.9		18.74	13.78	0.14	0.18		18.85	19.29	0.06	0.10	61.69	23.39		
A2-31	1.9	2.3		8.45	21.72	0.64	0.12		8.26	29.55	0.28	0.17	61.73	23.46		
D1	1	1.7		7.2	16.3	12.5	5.6		16.96	18.10	2.65	0.06	61.50	23.72		
A2-8		1.5		16.86	14.21	1.17	0.32		17.15	20.15	0.51	0.12	62.03	24.06		
BZ-441	0.7	1.7		2.5	15	11.2	11		15.98	16.60	5.33	0.06	62.04	24.07		
A2-13	1.7	1.6		2.6	14.87	16.01	0.92		14.89	22.31	4.42	0.06	62.32	24.64		
BZ-440.1				5.7	16.4	12.6	5.3		16.95	18.12	2.49	0.06	62.31	24.70		
BZ.1				6.7	18.3	13.7	0.3		18.29	19.05	0.14	0.11	62.33	24.74		

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Table 2 (sheet 4)

Comp	Shrinkage			Composition				Composition				SiO ₂	Diopside Excess	Wallstonite Ratio	Comments			
	800°C	1000°C	1200°C	1260°C	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	wt%	mol%	CaO	MgO					ZrO ₂	SiO ₂	
BZ-440C				4.8	16.2	12.6	5.3	0.1	64.3	0.8	16.82	18.21	2.31	0.06	0.07	62.33	24.74	0.6% Al ₂ O ₃
B7C				3.9	18	13.5	0.2	0.1	66.6	0.7	15.09	19.29	0.09	0.06		62.47	24.94	0.6% Al ₂ O ₃
BZ-4150C				4.9	15.5	11.9	7.5	0.1	63.9	0.9	16.27	17.38	3.58	0.06	0.07	62.63	25.33	0.6% Al ₂ O ₃
D8	1.3	1.4		4.5	16.9	13.2	1.5	0.4	66.2	0.2	17.11	16.59	0.63	0.22	0.71	62.54	25.80	
B19	1.1	1.5		3.6	13.9	16.5	0.7	0.1	65.7	0.1	13.65	22.95	0.31	0.03	0.07	62.97	26.00	
BZ-4150B				3.3	15.3	11.5	7.1	0.1	64.2	0.4	16.05	16.82	3.40	0.64	0.07	62.99	26.06	
BZ-20	0.8	1.5		2.3	12.4	9.9	15.8	0.2	64.5	0.5	13.64	15.16	7.91	0.12	0.07	63.17	26.33	
B7	1.2	1.3	2.8	2.7	17.9	13.1	0.8	0.3	67.8	0.2	17.91	18.24	0.36	0.17		63.32	26.65	
B11	1	1.2	2.7	2.5	15.8	15	0.4	0.2	68.6	0.2	15.63	20.65	0.18	0.11	0.07	63.36	26.79	
BZ-4150A				4.6	15.3	11.5	7.2	0.2	64.5	0.7	16.11	16.85	3.45	0.12	0.07	63.40	26.87	
BZ-440	0.7	1.4	2.3	2.1	15.9	12.1	5.2	0.2	65.7	0.4	16.47	17.44	2.45	0.11	0.07	63.53	27.05	
BZ-4150	1.9	1.9	2.7	3.2	15.2	11.7	7.4	0.1	65.3	0.5	15.85	16.97	3.51	0.06	0.07	63.54	27.16	
D2	0.8	1.1	2.3	3.5	15.4	11.6	5.8	0.2	65	0.3	16.10	16.87	2.76	0.11	0.73	63.42	27.58	
BZ-437	0.2	0.9		2	15	12.3	6.1	0.1	65.7	0.3	15.60	17.66	2.89	0.06		63.79	27.59	
A2-33				4.61	22.85	1.01	0.25	0.1	70.04		4.50	31.05	0.45	0.13		63.86	27.72	
BZ-54	0.3	1.4	1.7	1.9	10.5	9.9	17.6	0.1	61.4	0.6	11.71	15.36	8.93	0.06		63.93	27.86	
B17	0.9	1.4		3.2	14.2	15.5	6.1	0.1	69.1	0.2	14.14	21.47	0.05	0.05	0.07	64.22	28.51	
A2-26	1.5	1.5		3.5	11.9	9	15.1	1	68.65		8.15	26.90	0.45	0.16		64.34	28.67	
BZ-560E				11.58	16.57	0.91	0.4	0.1	68.19	0.4	13.31	14.00	7.69	0.52	0.08	64.31	28.69	
A2-20	0.2	1.1		2.1	12.5	10	13.6	0.3	63.5	0.6	13.58	15.12	6.73	0.18		64.40	28.80	
BZ-58	1.1	1.7		17.45	12.6				68.33		17.67	17.75				64.58	29.16	
759				4.46	22.31	1.23	0.19	0.19	71.24		4.31	30.23	0.55	0.10		61.77	29.55	
A2-29	1.5	1.8		5.7	12	9.1	13.1	0.1	62.3	1.5	13.37	14.11	7.66	0.05	0.05	64.79	29.66	1% Al ₂ O ₃
BZ-560B				2	11.7	9.1	15.6	0.1	62.7	0.9	12.98	14.05	7.88	0.06	0.08	64.95	29.97	
BZ-610			2.8	2.6	13.1	10.6	10.2	0.3	65.2	0.5	14.00	15.76	4.96	0.18	0.08	65.03	30.14	
BZ-560A				3.1	11.7	9.1	15	0.1	62.5	0.8	13.05	14.12	7.61	0.06	0.08	65.07	30.22	
BZ-560			1.8	2.1	11.7	9	15.1	0.1	62.9	0.5	13.01	13.92	7.64	0.06	0.08	65.29	30.65	
D9				3.1	15.9	12	18.7	0.1	68.2	0.2	16.26	17.07	0.87	0.06	0.65	65.10	30.84	
BZ-56	0.1	0.5		2.2	10.4	9.8	15.7	0.1	63.7	0.5	11.47	15.03	7.88	0.06		65.56	31.12	
A2-27	1.2	1.2		6.77	19.64	1.01	0.24	0.24	71.14		6.70	27.03	0.45	0.13		65.69	31.38	
BZ-61	0.2	1	2	2	13.2	9.7	11	0.1	65.6	0.4	14.20	14.51	5.38	0.06		65.85	31.70	
A2-6				15.17	12.76	11.3	0.07	0.07	69.29		15.46	18.09	0.52	0.04	0.74	65.89	31.70	
D3	0.3	0.8		3.8	13.6	11.3	5.7	0.1	67.3	0.3	17.27	16.46	2.72	0.06		66.30	32.31	
BZ-60	-0.1	0.4		1.7	8.1	9.7	18.2	0.1	63.1	0.4	9.12	15.19	9.32	0.06		66.30	32.61	
A2-32				6.36	19.6	0.36	0.23	0.23	73.09		6.23	26.70	0.16	0.12		66.79	33.59	
A2-17				11.58	14.52	1.58	0.15	0.15	70.43		11.78	20.55	0.73	0.08		66.86	33.72	
A2-22				9.36	16.34	0.83	0.33	0.33	71.48		9.42	22.88	0.38	0.18		67.14	34.28	
BZ-63	0.3	0.8		2.4	13.1	9.8	8.6	0.1	67.4	0.4	13.99	14.56	4.18	0.06		67.20	34.41	
BZ-8	0.4			2.7	11.4	9.9	10.8	0.2	67.8	0.5	12.19	14.73	5.26	0.12		67.70	35.39	

Table 2 ... (sheet 5)

Comp.	Shrinkage 800°C 1000°C 1200°C	1260°C	Composition wt%			SiO ₂ TiO ₂ Others			Composition mol%			SiO ₂	SiO ₂ Excess	Diopside Wollastonite Ratio	Comments
			CuO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	SiO ₂	CuO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂		
AZ-15			12.67	12.35	1.24	0.11		72.25	12.94	17.55	0.58	0.06		37.75	
AZ-16			12.4	10.09	2.23	0.19		73.43	12.90	14.61	1.06	0.11		42.65	
AZ-28			2.07	17.15	1.76	0.15		78.07	2.08	23.93	0.80	0.08		46.20	11
BZ-407	1	1.1	1.6	19	9.7	6.51	0.2	63.5	20.03	14.23	3.12	0.12		22.10	0.4% Na ₂ O
BZ-419	0.7	1.8	4.1	17.8	9.7	8.11	0.2	62.4	1.1	19.07	14.46	3.95	0.12	22.50	
BZ-419	0.7	1.1	2.2	17.4	5.1	15.4	0.3	60.8	0.6	19.68	8.02	7.93	0.19	22.54	
BZ-413	1.1	2.1	2.8	18.5	9.8	7.4	0.2	64.2	0.4	19.36	14.27	3.53	0.12	22.90	
BZ-38	1.4	1.9	2.9	17.2	11.2	6.7	0.2	63.5	0.4	18.06	16.36	3.20	0.12	23.65	
BZ-53	1.1	2.8	3.3	14.5	10	13.3	0.1	61.2	0.5	15.82	15.18	6.60	0.06	24.35	
BZ-430	0.6	1.7	3.7	17	9.7	8.51	0.2	63.2	0.9	18.19	14.44	7.14	0.12	24.36	0.3% Na ₂ O
BZ-408	0.6	1.1	3.3	18.4	9.1	6.6	0.2	64.8	0.4	19.44	13.37	3.17	0.12	24.76	
BZ-414	0.3	1.4	1.9	17.5	9.9	7.4	0.2	65	0.4	18.34	14.43	3.53	0.12	25.21	
BZ-50	0.4	1.1	3.1	17.3	5	13.7	0.2	62.7	0.6	19.41	7.80	7.00	0.12	25.53	
BZ-62	0.6	1.8	2.3	15.4	9.9	10.7	0.1	62.9	0.9	16.59	14.84	5.25	0.06	25.64	
BZ-401	0.7	1.4	2.7	18.2	9.7	5.4	0.3	65.7	0.5	19.03	14.11	2.57	0.17	25.78	
BZ-435	0.3	1.4	1.5	16.6	11.3	5.3	0.6	64.9	0.7	17.36	16.44	2.52	0.35	26.22	
BZ-5			17.1	11.9	3.11	1		65.7	0.4	17.63	17.07	1.45	0.57	26.22	
BZ-409	0.7	1	3	17.4	9.9	6.8	0.2	65.8	0.4	18.16	14.38	3.23	0.11	26.33	
BZ-431	1.2		2.6	16.1	9.8	8.6	0.2	63.9	0.6	17.24	14.60	4.19	0.12	26.40	
BZ-4			17	11.9	3.1	0.7		65.8	0.4	17.57	17.11	1.46	0.40	26.71	
BZ-46	0.3	0.7	1.8	14.9	4.9	17.3	0.3	61.2	0.7	17.15	7.85	9.06	0.19	26.85	
BZ-403	0.5	1	2.4	17.4	10	5.8	0.2	66.1	0.4	18.17	14.53	2.76	0.11	27.04	
BZ-433	1.3	1.1	2.2	16.2	11.5	5.4	0.2	65.8	0.9	16.84	16.63	2.56	0.11	27.60	
BZ-400	0.6	1.3	2.3	17.1	9.7	5.4	0.2	66.6	0.4	17.94	14.16	2.58	0.12	28.53	
BZ-415	0.6	1.3	2.2	16	10	7	0.5	66.5	0.4	16.76	14.58	3.34	0.29	28.98	
BZ-410	0.6	1	1.6	16.4	9.8	6.6	0.1	66.8	0.4	17.18	14.28	3.15	0.06	29.21	
BZ-419	0.6	1.5	1.7	18	17	4.6	0.2	67.2	0.4	17.76	14.39	2.19	0.11	29.40	
BZ-36	0.3	0.5	1.3	16.5	5	12.6	0.2	64.9	0.6	18.36	7.74	6.38	0.12	29.49	
BZ-48	0.5	0.5	0.9	15.1	4.9	15.1	0.3	63.6	0.6	17.10	7.72	7.78	0.19	29.74	
BZ-4	0.5	1.2	1.6	16.2	9.7	5.7	0.5	67.4	0.5	16.97	14.13	2.72	0.29	30.37	
BZ-404	0.4	1.2	1.9	16.1	10	5.4	0.1	67.7	0.4	16.82	14.53	2.57	0.06	30.90	
BZ-52	0.3	0.5	0.6	13.4	5	17.5	0.2	62.8	0.6	15.39	7.99	9.15	0.13	30.98	
BZ-420	0.5	1.3	1.9	16.4	9.9	4.7	0.2	68.3	0.3	17.04	14.31	2.22	0.11	31.19	
BZ-44	0.7	1.1	2.4	14.8	9.6	7	0.3	67.3	0.4	15.69	14.16	3.38	0.17	32.43	
BZ-7	0.3		1.3	16.3	5	10.7	0.3	67.1	0.5	17.93	7.65	5.36	0.18	32.63	
BZ-426			2	16.3	9.8	3.6	0.2	69.4	0.3	16.90	14.13	1.70	0.11	32.93	
BZ-438	0.2	0.6	1.7	14.8	8.5	5.6	0.1	69.4	0.3	15.74	12.58	2.71	0.06	36.23	
BZ-35	0.2	0.9	1.7	18.1	5	12.2	0.2	63.2	0.5	20.18	7.75	6.19	0.12	25.33	46.4.59
BZ-402	0.6	1.1	2.7	18.1	9.4	5.1	0.2	65.8	0.4	19.05	13.76	2.44	0.12	26.82	47.59
BZ-425	0.7	1.1	2.2	17	9.7	3.4	0.2	68.5	0.3	17.69	14.04	1.61	0.11	31.47	41.43

Table 2 ... (Sheet 6)

Comp	Shrinkage		Composition wt%				SiO ₂		Composition mol%				SiO ₂		Diopside Wollastonite Ratio		Comments
			800°C	1200°C	1260°C	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	Others	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	
BZ-13	0.5	1.1	3.6	18.3	70	4.1	0.2	66.8	0.4	19.96	14.41	1.93	0.11	64.59	27.24	27.90	
BZ-16	1	0.9	4.7	19.3	9.8	5.2	0.2	64.7	0.4	20.15	14.23	2.47	0.11	63.04	23.61	20.69	
BZ-16	1.2		1.9	19.2	9.7	5.2	0.3	64.9	0.4	20.04	14.09	2.47	0.17	63.23	23.99	19.75	
BZ-A-2		2.8	18.5	12.2	0.6	0.6	1	66.4	0.3	18.82	17.27	0.28	0.56	63.07	25.86	18.86	
BZ-A-1		2.6	18.5	12.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	67.1	0.3	18.74	17.19	0.28	0.33	63.45	26.63	18.86	
BZ-160	0.8	1.3	3.1	19.3	9.7	5.1	0.3	64.8	0.4	20.14	14.08	2.42	0.17	63.11	23.88	16.60	
B4	1	0.9	2.7	18.8	12.2	0.7	0.3	66.8	0.7	19.08	17.22	0.32	0.11	63.27	26.21	15.80	
BZ-424	0.9	1.5	2.4	18.4	9.9	3.5	0.2	67.1	0.3	19.07	14.27	1.65	0.11	64.90	28.15	12.77	
BZ-29	0.1	1.9	3.6	18.1	5	10.2	0.9	64.3	0.6	19.96	7.67	5.12	0.53	66.70	28.29	9.73	
BZ-417	0.5	1.1	8.4	19.4	9.7	4.1	0.2	66.1	0.4	20.09	13.97	1.93	0.11	63.89	25.85	8.93	
BZ-423	0.2	1.3	3.4	19.1	9.8	3.5	0.2	66.9	0.4	19.71	14.07	1.64	0.11	64.46	27.27	8.38	
BZ-421	1.5	2.9	6	20.1	9.5	4.3	0.9	67.7	0.5	20.51	14.12	2.03	0.51	62.53	23.04	7.88	
BZ-17	0.7	1	3.2	19	5	10.4	0.4	63.8	0.6	21.00	7.69	5.23	0.24	65.83	26.43	7.37	
BZ-42	0.9	0.9	2.6	19.1	9.9	3	0.2	66.7	0.5	19.77	14.26	1.41	0.11	64.45	27.48	7.36	
BZ-422	0.9	1.8	10.4	20.2	9.5	3.6	0.2	65.3	0.4	20.93	14.12	1.70	0.11	63.14	24.58	6.14	
B13	0.6	1	1.4	21.3	12.3	0.6	0.2	65.6	0.3	21.28	17.10	0.27	0.11	61.17	22.14	5.85	
BZ-31	0.2	0.4	2.2	18.3	5.1	8.6	0.3	66.5	0.6	19.99	-7.75	-4.28	0.18	67.80	31.33	5.42	
BZ-30	0.6	1.7	5.7	20.2	5	10.3	0.4	63.4	0.6	22.14	7.62	3.13	0.24	61.86	23.58	5.22	
BZ-432	0.7	0.9	6	20	8	5.5	0.2	65.1	0.6	21.16	11.78	2.65	0.12	61.30	25.94	5.18	
BZ-4340	1.4	1.4	20.7	21	5.3	5.6	0.3	63.5		22.25	12.24	2.70		62.51	22.92	1.82	
BZ-37	1.5	2.1	11	21.1	9.5	3.2	0.3	61.2	0.5	21.03	14.16	1.51	0.17	62.24	22.97	1.63	
B14	0.3	0.7	5	20.3	11.4	5.2	0.2	67.1	0.2	20.31	16.02		0.11	63.28	26.64	1.57	
BZ-53	0.3	0.7	4	20.3	5	5.2	0.3	65	0.6	22.11	7.53	1.06	0.18	66.07	28.08	3.45	
B18	1.1	1	12.2	22.8	10.2	0.5	0.3	61.8	0.2	23.28	14.49	0.23	0.17	61.76	23.36	2.80	
BZ-31	0.6	1.1	5	22.2	4.9	8.1	0.3	63.2	0.6	24.17	7.42	1.01	0.15	61.22	24.43	2.77	
B3-22	0.8	1.1	21.28	9.31	0.54	0.54	0.52	66.17		22.03	13.46	0.25	0.30	63.96	27.66	2.73	
B21	0.6	0.5	7.1	22.3	9.3	0.6	0.2	67.1	0.2	22.63	13.16	0.28	0.11	63.70	27.19	2.53	
B3-23	1	1	23.26	9.31	0.3	0.3	0.36	64.09		24.10	13.45	0.14	0.22	61.99	21.83	2.32	
B3-28	0.2	0.8	18.74	7.03	0.75	0.75	0.47	70.81		19.68	10.27	0.36	0.27	69.42	38.47	2.26	
B3-27	0.7	0.8	20.98	7	0.79	0.79	0.78	68.36		21.97	10.20	0.38	0.45	67.01	33.64	1.99	
BZ-15	1.2	1.3	9	24.1	5	3.2	0.3	63.8	0.6	25.83	7.47	2.54	0.15	63.94	25.34	1.94	
719	0.5		23.69	8.12			0.3	65.77		26.11	11.48			62.40	24.81	1.78	
718	0.4		27.14	6.95	0.49		0.58	65.23		27.72	9.87	0.23		62.18	24.13	1.59	
B3-14	1	1	24.91	5.54	0.61		0.06	65.11		26.50	8.20	0.30	0.31	64.66	29.03	1.50	
721	0.6	0.3	27.26	5.33				65.08		28.56	7.77		0.03	63.64	27.28	1.37	
723	0.5	0.4	29.79	5.44				62.61		31.10	7.90			61.00	22.01	1.41	
B3-18	0.4		23.7	3.76	0.47		0.41	69.42		25.16	5.55	0.21	0.25	68.80	37.38	1.31	
B3-19	0.5		24.91	3.65	0.65		0.45	67.38		26.61	5.42	0.32	0.26	67.39	34.45	1.29	
B3-16	0.2	0.3	24.99	1.71	1.03		0.65	68.74		27.06	2.38	0.51	0.39	69.47	38.44	1.15	
B3-13	0.9	0.8	30.62	2.06	0.91		0.55	62.33		33.14	3.10	0.45	0.33	62.98	25.51	1.14	

Table 2 ... (sheet 7)

Comp	Shrinkage			Composition wt%						Composition mol%						SiO ₂ Excess	Diopside-Wollastonite Ratio	Comments
	800C	1000C	1200C	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	SiO ₂	Others	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂			
B3-17		0.3		26.68	1.86	0.57	0.7		67.25		28.79	2.79	0.28	0.42		67.73	35.17	1.13
B3-15		0.3		29.82	1.78	0.51	0.47		65.86		31.64	2.63	0.25	0.27		63.22	30.19	1.11
E32			3.2	31	2	0.1	0.3		65.5	0.3	32.59	2.92	0.05	0.17		64.27	28.49	1.10
B3-32				23.43	0.65	0.72	0.31		73.28		25.13	0.97	0.35	0.18		73.37	46.38	1.07
B3-31		0.7		27.76	0.49	1.01	0.4		67.59		30.10	0.74	0.50	0.24		68.42	36.34	1.06
E25	0.4	0.4	1.1	31.1	0.6	0.7	0.5		65.3	0.5	33.27	0.89	0.34	0.29		65.20	30.07	1.05
E31				31	1		0.4		66.4	0.4	32.77	1.47		0.23		65.52	31.05	1.05
E24	0.6	0.8	1	33	0.6	0.3	0.5		64.1	0.5	35.08	0.89	0.15	0.29		61.60	27.05	1.03
E23	0.5	0.7	2.2	35.1	0.6	0.1	0.5		62.3	0.5	37.18	0.88	0.05	0.29		61.60	23.15	1.03
B3-30		0.6		31.93	0.37	0.28	0.64		64.13		31.41	0.55	0.14	0.38		64.52	28.89	1.02

Table 3 (sheet 1)

Comp.	Composition wt%				Composition mol%				Solubility				MgO Excess				
	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	SiO ₂	Others	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂		SiO ₂	CaO	MgO	SiO ₂
KH-1	2.9	0.1	0.1	4.3	4.3	51.7	0.2	3.32	0.15	0.06	32.28	63.65		5		13	18
C15-4	19.7	0.4	0.2	36.6	24.6	42.3	0.5	24.58	0.69	0.11	25.12	49.50		30		9	39
C15-10	30.8	0.67	0.1	24.6	24.6	23.6	0.5	38.82	0.69	0.11	25.12	25.51		25		30	65
B3-31	31.64	0.67	0.1	5.91	5.91	59.51	0.6	34.55	1.02	0.20	3.55	60.68		61		58	124
B3-21	32.3	0.48	0.2	4.13	4.13	60.53	0.6	35.08	0.73	0.06	0.13	61.66		8		12	23
BZ-51	17.6	1.0	1.75	0.2	0.2	59.1	0.6	20.08	0.78	0.09	0.13	62.93		9		16	28
BZ-46	14.9	4.9	17.3	0.3	0.3	61.2	0.7	17.15	0.85	0.06	0.19	65.75		7		11	21
BZ-52	13.4	5	17.5	0.2	0.2	62.8	0.6	15.39	0.99	0.15	0.13	67.34		6		9	18
BZ-48	15.1	4.9	15.1	0.3	0.3	63.6	0.6	17.10	0.72	0.19	0.19	67.22		11		17	31
BZ-47	18.9	5	15.2	0.3	0.3	59	0.7	21.17	0.90	0.19	0.19	62.57		14		26	43
BZ-21	22.3	5	15.2	0.3	0.3	56.1	0.7	25.06	0.82	0.19	0.19	59.16		17		23	43
BZ-23	26.5	5	14.9	0.3	0.3	51.1	0.5	29.95	0.86	0.19	0.19	54.22		8		24	35
BZ-19	17.4	5.1	15.4	0.3	0.3	60.8	0.6	19.68	0.82	0.19	0.19	64.18		30		4	112
B3-31	27.76	0.49	1.01	0.4	0.4	67.59	0.7	30.10	0.74	0.50	0.24	68.42		16		163	249
BZ-25	20.7	5.2	15.5	0.3	0.3	57.3	0.7	23.35	0.76	0.19	0.19	60.34		83		3	163
B3-30	31.93	0.37	0.28	0.64	0.64	64.11	0.7	34.41	0.55	0.14	0.18	64.52		50		86	136
BZ-27	23.5	5.1	14.5	0.4	0.4	53.9	0.7	27.00	0.89	0.34	0.29	57.07		29		201	235
E25	31.1	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	65.3	0.5	33.27	0.89	0.34	0.29	57.07		37		115	172
B3-29	36	0.68	0.17	0.92	0.92	59.1	0.5	38.72	1.02	0.08	0.54	59.63		61		137	198
B3-32	23.43	0.65	0.72	0.31	0.31	73.28	0.5	25.13	0.97	0.35	0.18	73.37		13		18	36
E24	35	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	64.1	0.5	35.05	0.89	0.15	0.29	63.60		58		225	263
E23	35.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.5	62.3	0.5	37.18	0.88	0.05	0.29	61.60		13		35	69
BZ-45	19.5	4.8	13.1	0.4	0.4	61.3	0.6	24.59	0.77	0.67	0.25	64.02		61		162	226
E22	37.1	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.6	60.2	0.5	39.20	1.03	0.05	0.35	59.37		58		225	283
E21	39.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	58.2	0.5	41.25	1.03	0.05	0.35	57.35		13		17	35
BZ-50	17.3	5	13.7	0.2	0.2	62.7	0.6	19.41	0.80	0.12	0.12	65.67		31		16	30
BZ-49	20.9	4.9	13.2	0.5	0.5	59.5	0.7	33.37	0.76	0.72	0.19	62.10		2		193	226
708	42.79	0.77	0.2	0.2	0.2	55.22	0.6	44.95	1.12	0.12	0.12	54.03		8		16	27
BZ-36	16.5	5	12.6	0.2	0.2	64.9	0.6	18.36	0.74	0.38	0.12	67.40		8		21	32
E31	31	1	0.4	0.4	0.4	66.4	0.4	32.77	1.47	0.23	0.23	65.52		72		10	132
BZ-35	18.1	5	12.2	0.2	0.2	63.2	0.5	20.18	0.75	0.19	0.12	65.76		10		27	44
B3-16	24.99	1.71	1.03	0.65	0.65	68.74	0.6	27.06	0.58	0.51	0.39	69.47		49		13	162
BZ-29	18.1	5	10.2	0.9	0.9	64.9	0.6	19.96	0.76	0.12	0.12	66.70		38		7	156
B3-17	26.68	1.86	0.57	0.7	0.7	67.25	0.6	28.79	0.79	0.28	0.27	67.73		11		21	39
B3-15	29.82	1.78	0.51	0.47	0.47	65.86	0.5	31.64	0.63	0.25	0.27	65.22		14		22	43
BZ-7	16.3	5	10.7	0.3	0.3	67.4	0.5	17.93	0.65	0.18	0.18	68.88		14		3	28
BZ-5	22.1	4.9	10.3	0.5	0.5	60.5	0.6	24.41	0.73	0.18	0.18	62.69		16		5	33
BZ-17	19	5	10.4	0.4	0.4	63.8	0.6	21.00	0.69	0.23	0.24	65.83		25		7	65
BZ-30	20.2	5	10.3	0.4	0.4	63.4	0.6	22.14	0.62	0.14	0.24	64.86		25		33	65
BZ-11	26.2	5	10.2	0.4	0.4	57.4	0.8	28.60	0.79	0.07	0.24	58.49		25		33	65

Table 3 ... (sheet 2)

Comp.	Composition w%				Composition mol%				Solubility				MgO Excess	
	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	Others	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	SiO ₂		Total
B3-13	30.62	2.06	0.91	0.55	62.33		33.14	3.10	0.45	0.33		62.98	199	2.33
B2-13	32	5.1	1.0	0.5	50.9	0.7	35.00	7.76	4.98	0.30		51.96	92	2.70
E32	31	2	0.1	0.3	65.5	0.3	32.59	2.92	0.05	0.17		64.27		2.70
B3-11	33.25	2.33	0.59	0.69	61.71		35.10	3.42	0.28	0.40		60.80	205	2.74
B3-9	34.49	2.5	0.49	0.76	60.28		36.35	3.67	0.24	0.44		59.31	188	2.99
B3-21	36.62	2.43	0.08	0.73	57.35		38.96	3.60	0.04	0.43		56.93	216	3.13
B2-34	22.2	4.9	8.1	0.3	63.2	0.6	24.17	7.42	4.01	0.18		64.22	74	3.23
B2-31	18.3	5.1	8.6	0.3	66.5	0.6	19.99	7.75	4.28	0.18		67.80	33	3.29
B2-33	20.3	5	8.2	0.3	65	0.6	22.11	7.53	4.06	0.18		66.07	33	3.33
B3-61	24.83	4.39	0.15	0.57	63.24		26.57	6.83	0.07	0.35		63.17	26	3.41
B2-2	19.2	1.9	6.7	0.3	64.3	0.4	20.92	7.43	3.32	0.18	2.75	63.40	16	3.93
B3-31	25.41	4.68	0.58	0.97	63.74		27.07	6.94	0.28	0.33		63.39	43	1.33
B2-9	31.5	5	5.1	0.6	56	0.6	33.95	7.43	2.48	0.35		53.30	63	4.60
B3-1	32.56	3.8	0.82	0.79	60.11		34.36	5.58	0.39	0.46		59.21	84	1.73
B2-15	24.1	5	5.2	0.3	63.5	0.6	25.58	7.47	2.34	0.18		63.94	42	4.73
B3-1A	32.27	3.99	0.09	1.74	60.32		33.92	5.84	0.04	1.01		59.19	51	1.79
B3-19	24.91	3.65	0.65	0.45	67.58		26.61	5.42	0.32	0.26		67.39	44	2.1
B2-1	26.6	5.2	5.1	0.5	60.3	0.7	28.69	7.80	2.30	0.30		60.71	45	3.00
B3-18	23.7	3.76	0.47	0.43	69.42		25.16	5.55	0.23	0.25		68.80	66	5.08
B2-1	24.3	4.9	3.3	0.4	1.9	0.5	25.58	7.26	1.60	0.23	1.42	63.61	44	5.43
B3-3	36.07	4.44	1.46	0.58	55.99		37.77	6.47	0.70	0.33		54.73	11	5.44
B2-500F	11.1	9.1	15	1.5	61.7	0.5	12.76	14.17	7.64	0.92	0.05	64.41		5.60
586	35.03	3.9		0.13	58.65		36.77	5.69		0.08		57.46	51	5.62
B2-560E	11.9	9	15.1	1	61.6	0.4	13.31	14.00	7.69	0.62	0.08	64.31		5.70
B2-60	8.1	9.7	18.2	0.1	63.1	0.4	9.12	15.19	9.32	0.06		66.30	6	5.80
B3-1A	25.81	4.88	0.24	2.05	65.5		27.18	7.15	0.12	1.19		64.37	21	5.85
B2-40E	16.9	6.5	5.8	1.7	63.4	0.4	18.09	9.63	2.33	1.00	0.05	68.33	52	3.85
B2-560C	11.7	9.1	15.6	0.1	62.7	0.9	12.98	14.05	7.88	0.06	0.08	64.95		6.11
B2-560	11.7	9	15.1	0.1	62.9	0.5	13.01	13.92	7.64	0.06	0.08	65.29	4	6.22
660	34.65	4.83		1.15	57.74		36.13	7.01		0.66		56.20	69	6.35
B2-54	10.5	9.9	17.6	0.1	61.4	0.6	11.71	15.36	8.93	0.06		63.93	10	6.45
B2-560A	11.7	9.1	15	0.1	62.5	0.8	13.05	14.12	7.61	0.06	0.08	65.07		6.45
B2-560B	12	9.1	15.1	0.1	62.3	1.5	13.37	14.11	7.66	0.06	0.08	64.79	7	6.45
B2-59	12.4	10	17.5	0.2	59.2	0.7	13.83	15.52	8.88	0.12		61.64	8	6.51
712	35.39	4.61		0.06	57.54		37.04	6.71		0.03		56.21	24	6.51
B2-1	26.2	4.9	0.1	0.4	64.3	0.4	27.30	7.16	0.05	0.23	2.06	63.00	22	6.65
B2-3	22.3	4.9	0.3	0.4	66.4	0.3	23.74	7.26	0.15	0.23	4.93	63.69	45	6.88
B2-2	23.7	4.9	0.1	0.4	64.9	0.3	23.02	7.20	0.05	0.23	3.56	63.93	46	6.92
B2-56	10.4	9.8	15.7	0.1	63.7	0.5	11.47	15.03	7.88	0.06		65.56	7	7.09
B2-20	12.4	9.9	15.8	0.2	61.5	0.5	13.64	15.16	7.91	0.12		63.17	7	7.12

Table 3 (sheet 3)

Comp	Composition wt%				Composition mol%				Solubility				MgO Excess				
	Cut	MgO	ZrO2	Al2O3	TiO2	SiO2	Others	Cut	MgO	ZrO2	Al2O3	TiO2		SiO2	Cut	MgO	SiO2
BZ-55	11.6	9.8	15.3	0.2	0.2	59	0.5	16.14	15.07	7.30	0.12	0.12	60.87	11	7	13	33
BZ-22	17.1	9.8	15.2	0.4	0.4	56.7	0.7	18.53	15.02	7.62	0.24	0.24	58.29	13	9	27	49
BZ-26	15.2	9.9	15.3	0.2	0.2	58.5	0.6	16.77	15.19	7.69	0.12	0.12	60.24	8	3	24	35
BZ-28	19.4	9.9	15.1	0.3	0.3	54.5	0.6	21.30	15.12	7.35	0.18	0.18	55.95	13	7	25	45
BZ-24	22.2	9.9	15	0.3	0.3	51.2	0.8	24.46	15.18	7.32	0.18	0.18	52.66	17	7	21	45
BZ-14	24.91	5.54	0.61	0.38	0.38	65.11		26.50	8.20	0.30	0.34	0.34	64.66	67	27	158	252
692	34.34	5.44	0.17	0.13	0.13	59.82		35.08	7.73	0.08	0.07	0.07	57.04	67	23	140	230
722	31.08	5.25		0.05	0.05	61.33		32.49	7.64		0.03	0.03	59.85	81	23	185	289
721	27.26	5.33		0.06	0.06	65.08		28.56	7.77		0.03	0.03	63.64	68	20	153	241
723	29.79	5.44				62.61		31.10	7.90				61.00	62	17	141	220
BZ-57	16.1	9.7	13.2	0.3	0.3	60.3	0.6	17.49	14.66	6.53	0.18	0.18	61.14	11	7	15	33
BZ-58	12.5	10	13.6	0.3	0.3	63.5	0.6	13.48	15.12	6.73	0.18	0.18	64.40	8	7	25	40
BZ-20	32.71	6.07		0.91	0.91	57.57		34.28	8.85		0.52	0.52	56.34	29	40	181	250
691	33.1	6.02	0.17	0.27	0.27	58.39		34.11	8.71	0.08	0.15	0.15	56.15	66	27	133	226
BZ-53	14.5	10	13.3	0.1	0.1	61.2	0.5	15.82	15.18	6.60	0.06	0.06	62.33	16	7	19	42
696	30.91	6.15	0.24	0.21	0.21	58.81		32.68	9.05	0.12	0.12	0.12	58.04	48	17	163	218
BZ-61	13.2	9.7	11	0.1	0.1	65.6	0.4	14.20	14.51	5.38	0.06	0.06	65.85	10	7	27	44
BZ-12	21.3	9.7	10.2	0.3	0.3	57.8	0.8	22.77	14.42	4.96	0.18	0.18	57.67	22	13	34	57
BZ-8	11.4	9.9	10.8	0.2	0.2	67.8	0.5	12.19	14.73	5.36	0.12	0.12	67.70	10	10	30	50
BZ-27	20.98	7	0.79	0.78	0.78	68.56		21.97	10.20	0.38	0.45	0.45	67.01	54	20	122	196
BZ-6	17.2	9.8	10.3	0.2	0.2	61.3	0.5	18.43	14.61	5.02	0.12	0.12	61.82	11	10	27	51
BZ-62	15.4	9.9	10.7	0.1	0.1	62.9	0.9	16.59	14.84	5.25	0.06	0.06	63.26	11	10	30	51
BZ-4340	21	8.3	5.6			63.5		22.35	12.24	2.70			62.87	25	12	46	83
BZ-14	27.1	9.9	10	0.4	0.4	51.2	0.7	29.60	14.74	4.57	0.21	0.21	51.15	42	32	58	133
BZ-28	18.74	7.03	0.75	0.47	0.47	70.81		19.68	10.27	0.36	0.27	0.27	69.42	43	31	108	183
718	27.14	6.95	0.49			65.23		27.72	9.87	0.23			62.18	47	20	107	173
BZ-438	14.8	8.5	5.6	0.1	0.1	69.4	0.3	15.74	12.58	2.71	0.06	0.06	68.91	17	13	30	60
BZ-408	18.4	9.1	6.6	0.2	0.2	64.8	0.4	19.44	13.37	3.17	0.12	0.12	63.90	30	17	51	98
BZ-430	17	9.7	8.5	0.2	0.2	63.2	0.9	18.19	14.44	4.14	0.12	0.12	63.12	21	13	29	63
BZ-431	16.1	9.8	8.6	0.2	0.2	63.9	0.6	17.24	14.60	4.19	0.12	0.12	63.86	17	11	33	61
BZ-63	13.1	9.8	8.6	0.1	0.1	67.4	0.4	13.99	14.56	4.18	0.06	0.06	67.20	11	10	37	58
BZ-427	19.6	9.7	8.1	0.2	0.2	60.5	0.6	20.93	14.41	3.94	0.12	0.12	60.60	29	16	43	83
BZ-429	17.8	9.7	8.1	0.2	0.2	62.4	1.1	19.07	14.46	3.95	0.12	0.12	62.40	17	12	29	58
BZ-428	18.9	9.5	8	0.3	0.3	61.3	1	20.20	14.57	3.99	0.18	0.18	61.16	8	4	14	26
BZ-44	14.8	9.6	7	0.3	0.3	67.3	0.4	15.69	14.16	3.38	0.17	0.17	66.60	19	13	39	71
BZ-610	13.1	10.6	10.2	0.3	0.3	65.2	0.5	14.00	15.76	4.96	0.18	0.18	65.03	7	10	27	44
BZ-413	18.5	9.8	7.4	0.2	0.2	64.2	0.4	19.36	14.27	3.53	0.12	0.12	62.72	25	14	45	84
BZ-43	19	9.7	7.1	0.3	0.3	63	0.4	20.06	14.25	3.41	0.17	0.17	62.10	32	20	55	107
BZ-412	19.2	9.7	7.1	0.2	0.2	62.9	0.5	20.26	14.24	3.41	0.12	0.12	61.97	27	16	49	92

Table 3 ... (sheet 4)

Comp.	Composition wt%				Composition mol%				Solubility				MgO Excess		
	CaO	MgO	ZrO2	Al2O3	TiO2	SiO2	Others	CaO	MgO	ZrO2	Al2O3	TiO2		SiO2	Total
BZ-414	17.5	9.9	7.4	0.2	0.1	65	0.4	18.34	14.43	3.53	0.12		63.58	21	71
725	28.13	7.54				61.83		29.18	10.88		0.06		59.88	76	297
BZ-411	20.3	9.8	7.1	0.2	0.2	61.6	0.4	21.42	14.39	3.41	0.12		60.67	24	79
BZ-415	16	10	7	0.5	0.5	66.5	0.4	16.76	14.58	3.34	0.29		65.03	21	38
BZ-407	19	9.7	6.5	0.2	0.2	63.5	0.4	20.03	14.23	3.72	0.12		62.50	22	50
BZ-409	17.4	9.9	6.8	0.2	0.2	65.8	0.4	18.16	14.38	3.23	0.11		64.11	20	78
BZ-410	16.4	9.8	6.6	0.1	0.1	66.8	0.4	17.18	14.28	3.15	0.06		65.33	21	72
BZ-4	16.2	9.7	5.7	0.5	0.5	67.4	0.5	16.97	14.13	2.72	0.29		65.89	21	81
BZ-406	20.2	9.8	6.4	0.2	0.2	62.6	0.3	21.20	14.31	3.06	0.12		61.32	38	61
BZ-402	18.1	9.4	5.1	0.2	0.2	65.8	0.4	19.05	13.76	2.44	0.12		64.63	32	60
BZ-441	15	11.2	11	0.1	0.1	61.4	0.5	15.98	16.60	5.33	0.06		62.04	11	27
BZ-2	21.7	9.6	5.2	0.5	0.5	61.9	0.5	22.73	13.99	2.48	0.29		60.52	35	69
BZ-401	18.2	9.7	5.4	0.3	0.3	65.7	0.5	19.03	14.11	2.57	0.17		64.12	28	54
BZ-16	19.2	9.7	5.2	0.3	0.3	64.9	0.4	20.04	14.09	2.47	0.17		63.23	30	60
BZ-400	17.1	9.7	5.4	0.2	0.2	66.6	0.4	17.94	14.16	2.58	0.12		65.21	30	61
719	25.69	8.12				65.77		26.11	11.48				62.40	51	190
BZ-160	19.3	9.7	5.1	0.3	0.3	64.8	0.4	20.14	14.08	2.42	0.17	0.07	63.11	26	19
BZ-421	20.1	9.8	4.3	0.9	0.9	64.7	0.5	20.31	14.12	2.03	0.51		62.53	25	50
BZ-39	21.2	9.8	5.1	0.3	0.3	65.8	0.6	22.10	14.21	2.42	0.17		61.70	59	83
BZ-416	19.3	9.8	5.2	0.2	0.2	64.7	0.4	20.15	14.23	2.47	0.11		63.04	28	19
BZ-403	17.4	10	5.8	0.2	0.2	66.1	0.4	18.17	14.53	2.76	0.11		64.43	31	19
714	32	8.27				59.05		32.45	11.67				55.89	73	30
BZ-405	20.1	9.9	5.4	0.3	0.3	63.2	0.5	21.05	14.42	2.57	0.17		61.78	44	25
BZ-40	20.9	9.8	5	0.4	0.4	62.4	0.6	21.94	14.31	2.39	0.23		61.13	44	33
BZ-404	16.1	10	5.4	0.1	0.1	67.7	0.4	16.82	14.53	2.57	0.06		66.02	35	20
BZ-10	27.1	10	5	0.4	0.4	56	0.6	28.29	14.53	2.38	0.23		54.58	41	35
BZ-417	19.4	9.7	4.1	0.2	0.2	66.1	0.4	20.09	13.97	1.93	0.11		63.89	28	19
BZ-420	16.4	9.9	4.7	0.2	0.2	68.3	0.3	17.04	14.31	2.22	0.11	0.07	66.24	26	17
BZ-419	17	9.9	4.6	0.2	0.2	67.2	0.4	17.76	14.39	2.19	0.11		65.54	22	16
BZ-422	20.2	9.8	3.6	0.2	0.2	65.3	0.4	20.93	14.12	1.70	0.11		63.14	38	26
BZ-423	19.1	9.8	3.5	0.2	0.2	66.9	0.4	19.71	14.07	1.64	0.11		64.46	33	25
BZ-425	17	9.7	3.4	0.2	0.2	68.5	0.3	17.69	14.04	1.61	0.11		66.54	30	25
BZ-426	16.3	9.8	3.6	0.2	0.2	69.4	0.3	16.90	14.13	1.70	0.11		67.16	29	23
BZ-418	18.3	10	4.1	0.2	0.2	66.6	0.4	18.96	14.41	1.93	0.11		64.39	28	17
BZ-41	23.1	9.8	3	0.4	0.4	62.5	0.6	23.90	14.11	1.41	0.23		60.36	57	47
BZ-37	21.1	9.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	64.2	0.5	21.92	14.16	1.31	0.17		62.24	52	40
BZ-424	18.4	9.9	3.5	0.2	0.2	67.1	0.3	19.07	14.27	1.65	0.11		64.90	28	22
D12	13.7	10.4	5.3	0.1	2.7	67.6	0.3	14.33	15.13	2.52	0.06	1.98	65.98	22	19
BZ-42	19.1	9.9	3	0.2	0.2	66.7	0.5	19.77	14.26	1.41	0.11		64.45	52	43
B21	22.3	9.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	67.1	0.2	22.68	13.16	0.28	0.11	0.07	63.70	44	33

Table 3 ... (sheet 5)

Comp.	Composition wt%				SiO ₂	Others	Composition mol%				SiO ₂	SiO ₂	Solubility			MgO Excess
	CuO	MgO	ZnO	Al ₂ O ₃			CuO	MgO	ZnO	Al ₂ O ₃			CaO	MgO	SiO ₂	
BZ-1150B	15.3	11.5	7.1	1.1	64.3	0.4	16.08	16.82	3.40	0.64	0.07	62.99	62	57	174	293
B3-22	21.28	9.34	0.54	0.52	66.17		22.04	13.46	0.25	0.30		63.96	48	33	133	214
B3-25	28.15	9.22		0.48	59.53		29.08	13.25		0.27		57.40	44	31	101	176
B3-23	23.26	9.33	0.3	0.56	64.09		24.10	13.45	0.14	0.32		61.99	40	32	60	132
BZ-38	17.2	11.2	6.7	0.2	63.5	0.4	18.06	16.36	3.20	0.12		62.25	64	41	149	254
B3-26	30.5	9.44		0.62	56.95		31.39	13.52		0.35		63.40				13.25
BZ-1150.1	15.3	11.5	7.2	0.2	64.5	0.7	16.11	16.85	3.45	0.12	0.07	63.40	17.00	14.00	37.00	68
BZ-1150	15.2	11.7	7.4	0.1	65.3	0.5	15.85	16.97	3.51	0.06	0.07	63.54	45	55	113	213
A2-16	12.4	10.09	2.23	0.19	73.43		12.90	14.61	1.06	0.11	1.97	71.32	22	28	45	95
D11	14.4	11.1	5.3	0.1	66.4	0.3	14.97	16.06	2.51	0.06		63.34	29	30	68	127
BZ-435	16.6	11.3	5.3	0.6	64.9	0.7	17.36	16.44	2.52	0.35		59.36	37	57	185	279
B3-24	25.53	9.73		0.58	61.62		26.35	13.97		0.33		63.79	15	15	45	75
D3	13.6	11.3	5.7	0.1	67.3	0.3	14.14	16.46	2.72	0.06	0.74	63.79	26	20	55	101
BZ-1150C	15.5	11.9	7.5	0.1	63.9	0.8	16.27	17.35	3.58	0.06	0.07	62.63	18	18	46	82
BZ-433	16.2	11.5	5.4	0.2	65.8	0.9	16.84	16.63	2.56	0.11	0.73	63.42	33	40	137	232
D2	15.4	11.6	5.8	0.2	65	0.3	16.10	16.87	2.76	0.17	0.07	61.76	24	24	55	103
B18	22.8	10.2	0.5	0.3	64.8	0.2	23.28	14.49	0.23	0.06	1.46	64.25	22	20	40	82
D5	14.3	11.7	5.7	0.1	66.4	0.4	14.32	16.87	2.55	0.06	1.96	62.55	19	19	44	87
D10	15.7	11.7	4.9	0.1	64.7	0.3	16.26	16.86	2.31	0.06		62.86	24	24	55	103
BZ-4	17.2	11.9	3.4	1.4	65.4	0.4	17.71	17.05	1.59	0.79		63.79	29	27	49	105
BZ-437	15	12.2	6.1	0.1	65.7	0.3	15.60	17.66	2.89	0.06		63.53	21	20	50	91
BZ-440	15.9	12.1	5.2	0.2	65.7	0.4	16.47	17.44	2.45	0.11	1.32	61.17	18	18	47	83
D4	16.4	12.2	5.4	0.2	62.8	0.3	17.11	17.71	2.56	0.11	0.07	63.21	21	21	47	89
BZA-5	17.1	11.9	3.1	1	65.7	0.4	17.63	17.07	1.45	0.57		63.47	22	22	59	103
BZA-4	17	11.9	3.1	0.7	65.8	0.4	17.57	17.11	1.46	0.40	0.75	61.50	47	42	112	201
D1	16.3	12.5	5.6	0.1	63.3	0.3	16.96	18.10	2.65	0.06	0.07	62.33	37	41	78	156
BZ-440.1	16.4	12.6	5.3	0.1	64.6	0.7	16.95	18.12	2.49	0.06	0.65	65.10	25	24	66	115
BZ-440C	16.2	12.6	5.3	0.1	64.3	0.8	16.82	18.21	2.51	0.06		63.07	24	24	61	109
B14	20.3	11.4		0.1	67.1	0.2	20.51	16.02		0.11		63.45	25	25	69	119
D9	15.9	12	1.87	0.1	68.2	0.2	16.26	17.07	0.87	0.25	0.07	58.89	39	39	96	178
A2-14	25.3	11.66	0.16	0.28	60.74		25.70	16.48	0.07	0.11		61.17	43	43	105	188
BZA-2	18.5	12.2	0.6	1	66.4	0.3	18.82	17.27	0.28	0.16		63.27	33	33	80	144
BZA-3	18.6	12.4	0.6	1.4	65.8	0.3	18.92	17.55	0.28	0.33		63.45	35	35	80	144
BZA-1	18.5	12.2	0.6	0.6	67.1	0.3	18.74	17.19	0.28	0.33		63.45	35	35	80	144
A2-7	23.37	11.98	0.23	0.44	61.98		23.79	16.97	0.11	0.25	0.07	61.17	43	43	105	188
B13	21.3	12.3	0.6	0.2	63.6	0.3	21.28	17.10	0.27	0.11		63.27	33	33	80	144
B4	18.8	12.2	0.7	0.2	66.8	0.7	19.08	17.22	0.32	0.11		63.27	33	33	80	144
A2-15	12.67	12.35	1.24	0.11	72.25		12.94	17.55	0.38	0.06		68.88	67	66	166	328
A2-9	21.44	12.96		1.49	63.66		21.50	18.08		0.82		59.59	48	48	122	220
A2-6	15.17	12.76	1.13	0.07	69.29		15.46	18.09	0.52	0.04		65.89	48	48	122	220

Table 3 (sheet 6)

Comp.	Composition wt%				SiO ₂	Others	Composition mol%				Solubility			MgO Excess	
	CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃			CaO	MgO	ZrO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	MgO	SiO ₂		Total
D8	16.9	13.2	1.8	0.4	1	66.2	17.11	18.59	0.83	0.22	62.54	35	39	66	17.54
B7	17.9	13.1	0.8	0.3		67.8	17.91	18.24	0.36	0.17	63.32	44	45	110	17.71
759	17.45	12.6				68.33	17.67	17.75			64.58	38	40	117	17.75
D7	18.5	13.5	1.7	0.2	1	65.1	18.57	18.85	0.78	0.11	60.99	34	36	63	17.96
A2-18	26.29	13.07		0.66		56.96	26.85	18.48		0.37	54.30	47	57	161	18.11
B12	22	13.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	63.5	22.03	18.39	0.05	0.11	59.35	45	45	106	18.23
A2-11	24.28	13.24	0.08	0.25		60.32	24.48	18.57	0.04	0.14	56.77	72	16	119	18.40
924	19.78	14.54	0.66	2.57		61.32	19.99	20.44	0.30	1.43	57.84	36	37	77	18.71
B7A	18.3	13.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	66.3	18.39	19.05	0.14	0.11	62.33				18.81
B7D	18.3	13.8	0.8	0.2	0.1	65.5	18.45	19.36	0.37	0.11	61.64				18.85
A2-5	18.74	13.78	0.14	0.18		65.69	18.85	19.29	0.06	0.10	61.69	48	60	150	19.12
B7C	16	13.8	0.2	0.1		66.6	18.09	19.29	0.09	0.06	62.47				19.15
B6	19.2	14.2	0.1	0.2		66.1	19.05	19.60	0.05	0.11	61.20	50	53	144	19.44
A2-8	16.86	14.24	1.17	0.22		65.33	17.15	20.15	0.54	0.12	62.03	54	84	181	19.49
A2-17	11.58	14.52	1.58	0.15		70.43	11.78	20.55	0.73	0.08	66.86	35	72	91	19.73
B11	15.8	15	0.4	0.2	0.1	68.6	15.63	20.65	0.18	0.11	63.36	32	45	101	20.36
B5	19.9	15.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	64.2	19.71	20.80	0.05	0.11	59.34	43	48	99	20.65
932	21.6	15.65	0.11	1.5		59.85	21.58	21.75	0.05	0.82	55.80	41	43	92	20.87
757	20.92	15.22		0.2		62.6	20.79	21.04		0.11	58.06	62	73	187	322
B17	14.2	15.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	69.1	14.14	21.47	0.05	0.05	64.22	32	45	91	21.37
B10	16.8	15.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	67.1	16.49	21.71	0.13	0.11	61.48	30	43	95	168
A2-10	16.22	15.8		0.49		66.17	16.18	21.93		0.27	61.62	42	52	122	216
A2-13	14.87	16.01	0.92	0.11		66.67	14.89	22.31	0.42	0.06	63.32	47	70	159	276
A2-22	9.36	16.34	0.83	0.33		71.48	9.42	22.88	0.38	0.18	67.14	36	75	126	237
734	26.62	17.05	0.05	1	0.1	56.58	25.66	22.87	0.02	0.53	50.92	52	66	135	233
B19	13.9	16.8	0.7	0.1		68.7	13.65	22.95	0.31	0.05	62.97	29	49	114	192
A2-20	11.58	16.57	0.91	0.4		68.19	11.71	23.30	0.42	0.22	64.35	31	69	162	266
973	24.45	16.81	0.05	0.3		56.18	24.31	23.25	0.02	0.27	52.14	42	47	102	229.6
A2-28	2.07	17.15	1.76	0.15		78.07	2.08	23.93	0.80	0.08	73.10	X	X	X	23.05
B9	18.1	17.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	64.1	17.72	23.29	0.04	0.11	58.84	32	44	101	177
971	23.92	17.36	0.05	0.74		56.82	23.56	23.79	0.02	0.40	52.23	55	73	142	270
B8	18.6	17.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	63	18.30	24.24	0.13	0.11	57.23	30	39	90	159
B16	15.1	18.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	66	14.78	24.65	0.13	0.05	60.31	35	64	131	230
A2-12	16.55	18	0.05	0.33		63.56	16.37	24.76	0.02	0.18	58.67	47	66	160	273
A2-30	16.06	18.21		0.4		63.68	15.89	25.07	0.22	0.22	58.82	33	52	102	187
A2-23	18.59	18.78	0.05	0.48		60.2	18.37	25.82	0.02	0.26	55.33	35	47	192	274
A2-26	8.12	19.26	0.98	0.29		68.65	8.15	26.90	0.45	0.16	64.34	31	97	183	311
A2-32	6.36	19.6	0.36	0.23		73.09	6.23	26.70	0.16	0.12	66.79	X	X	X	26.41
A2-27	6.77	19.64	1.01	0.24		71.14	6.70	27.03	0.45	0.13	65.69	24	67	101	192
71	24.04	19.66		0.2		54.68	23.44	26.67		0.11	49.77	55	62	133	250

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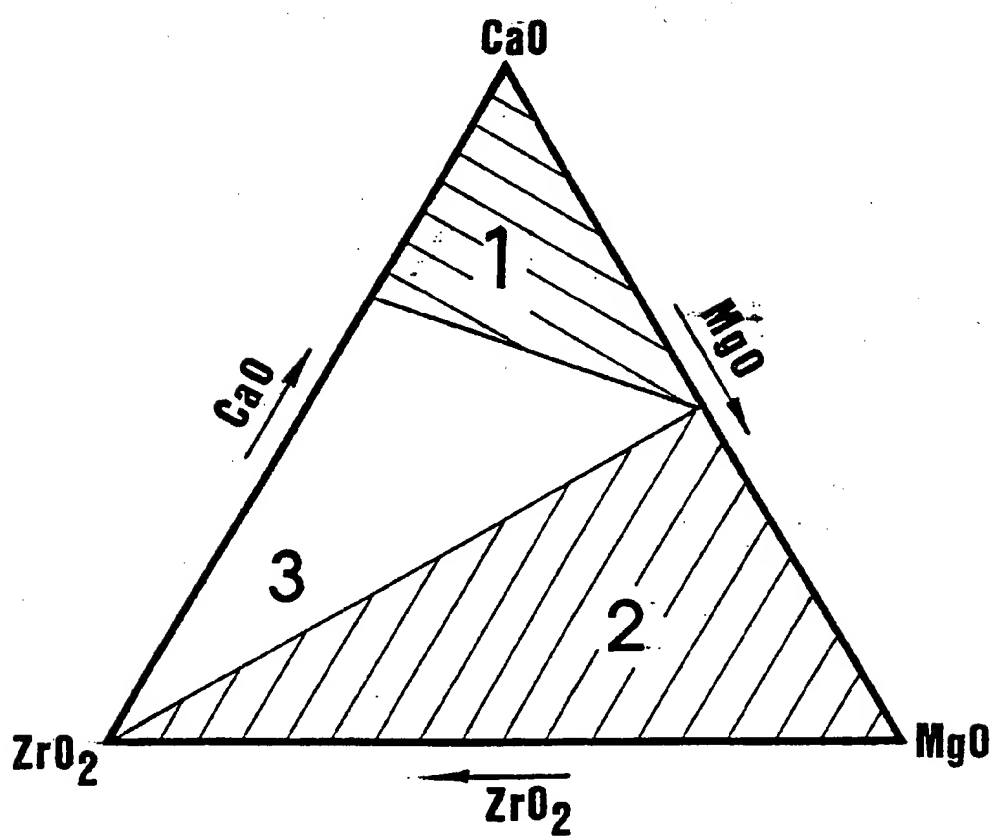
CLAIMS

1. A refractory fibre for which a vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of 3.5% or less when exposed to 1260°C for 24 hours and comprising CaO, SiO₂, MgO, optionally ZrO₂, optionally less than 0.75mol% Al₂O₃, any incidental impurities amounting to less than 2mol% in total, and in which the SiO₂ excess (defined as the amount of SiO₂ calculated as remaining after the above named constituents are crystallised as silicates) exceeds 21.8mol%, with the proviso that, if the amount of CaO is greater than the sum of the amount of MgO and twice the amount of ZrO₂, the calculated ratio of diopside to wollastonite does not lie in the range 1.8 to 5.25.
2. A refractory fibre as claimed in claim 1 in which the incidental impurities include TiO₂ in an amount less than 1.25mol%, preferably less than 0.8mol%.
3. A refractory fibre as claimed in claim 1 in which the incidental impurities include Na₂O in an amount less than 1.0wt%, preferably less than 0.5wt%, more preferably less than 0.3wt%.
4. A refractory fibre as claimed in claim 1 in which the incidental impurities include Fe₂O₃ in an amount less than 1.0wt%, preferably less than 0.6wt%.
5. A refractory fibre as claimed in claim 1 in which Al₂O₃ is present in an amount less than 0.5mol%
6. A refractory fibre as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 and having a composition in which the amount of CaO is less than the sum of the amount of MgO and twice the amount of ZrO₂.
7. A refractory fibre as claimed in claim 6 and in which the amount of MgO is greater than the amount of CaO.
8. A refractory fibre as claimed in claim 7 characterised in that a vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of less than 3.5% when exposed to 1300°C for 24 hours.
9. A refractory fibre as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8 and which is saline soluble.

10. A saline soluble refractory fibre as claimed in claim 9 in which the excess MgO (defined as the amount of MgO less the sum of the amounts of ZrO_2 plus Al_2O_3) exceeds 10mol%.
11. A saline soluble refractory fibre as claimed in claim 10 in which the excess MgO exceeds 11.3mol%
12. A saline soluble refractory fibre as claimed in claim 11 in which the excess MgO exceeds 15.25mol%
13. A method of providing a saline soluble refractory fibre for use at elevated temperatures comprising selecting a fibre as claimed in any of claims 1-12.
14. A saline soluble fibre characterised in that a vacuum cast preform of the fibre has a shrinkage of 3.5% or less when exposed to 1260°C for 24 hours.

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